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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Charles G. Stefan

Director, Office of Soviet and Eastern

European Exchanges Department of State

ATTN

: Mr. Raymond Pardon

SUBJECT

US-USSR Forestry Cooperation

REF

Letter from John R. McGuire of the Forest Service of the US Department of Agriculture to G. I. Vorobyev of the USSR State Committee for Science and Technology dated 5 July 1973

- 1. In response to your request, we forwarded to the Intersgency Intelligence Advisory Group on Exchanges (IIAGE) the proposels for US-USSR Cooperation in Forestry as contained in the referenced letter.
- 2. From the viewpoint of technological loss and gain the USSR will benefit far more from a cooperative activity in forestry than the US would. For that reason we wish to point out that the Soviets have a great amount of experience in the area of shelter balts, an area which does appear among the proposed fields of cooperation. We suggest, therefore, that the Forest Service may wish to consider the inclusion of this topic in future discussions with the Soviets.
- 3. We have no further comments on this proposal at this time. We do have a degree of interest in the Forestry Cooperation and we request to be kept informed of future developments.

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